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In re application of	:	Date: March 31, 2006
E. A. Cori et al	:	Group Art Unit: 2161
Serial Number: 09/761,939	:	Examiner: M.R. Filipczyk
Filed: 16 January 2001	:	INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION
Title: Method, System and Computer Program Product to Partition Filter Rules	:	Intellectual Property Law Dept. D-YXSA B-002/2 P.O. Box 12195 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

Declaration of prior invention to overcome cited patent (37 C.F.R. 1.131)

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This declaration is to establish completion of the invention in this application in the United States, at a date prior to October 23, 2000, the effective date of the Lu et al U.S. Patent 6,778,984 cited by the Examiner. This declaration is presented in response to the first Official Action in which the Lu et al patent has been cited.

The persons making this declaration are the inventors.

The attached Invention Disclosure document is submitted as evidence to establish the date of completion of the invention of this application. The dates appearing on the original document have been redacted. However, the declarant states that the redacted dates are well prior to October 30, 2000.

The declarants further state that conception of the invention was followed by due diligence from the time of conception to a time just prior to the effective date of the reference, up to the actual reduction to practice of the invention and the filing of this application.

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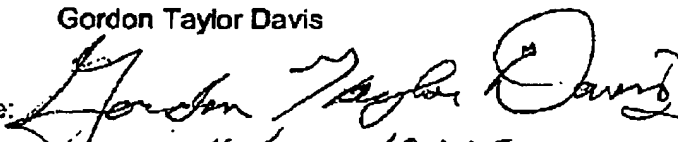
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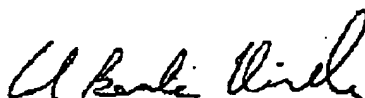
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